

DANGEROUS FIRE IN PETERSBURG

Good Work of the Department Prevents Large Conflagration.

WOMAN ROBBER A MYTH

Manufacturers Confer With Sittler and Northrup in Regard to Silk Mill.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., December 22.—A dangerous fire tonight at No. 27 Lombard Street, close to several large factories, gutted a two-story brick building owned by B. D. Booth. The building was occupied by a colored woman, who lost all her belongings except a pocket-book, which was picked up by a fireman. Quick work by the fire department saved the factory of the M. Levy Peanut Company, which was within a few feet of the burning building.

The woman reported to have taken part in the street robbery of Robert Ralston on Tuesday night, seems to have been an imaginary character. The two negroes captured with the stolen property in their possession, deny all knowledge of her, and the police think that there was no such party.

Mr. August Andrea, of Easton, Pa., who proposes to establish a new silk manufacturing here, has submitted his plan to Messrs. Fritz Sittler and William Northrup, of Richmond, who, it is said, will confer with Frank Gould, about the new enterprise. Mr. Andrea has inspected the Eitrick Cotton Mill plant with his purpose in view.

Mrs. Emma C. Dunn, wife of George W. Dunn, died this afternoon at her husband's residence. Mrs. Dunn was a daughter of the late William Tinsley, of Prince George county.

FIRE IN HANOVER.

Barn Burns With Seven Cows and Much Feed and Machinery.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ELIZABETH, VA., Dec. 22.—A large barn belonging to Mr. George C. Smith, of Albemarle county, was destroyed by fire about half-past 2 o'clock this morning. Seven cows, a large lot of feed, 150 bushels of peas, hay, baling press, feed cutter, threshing machine and a large lot of farming implements, as well as four bugles and carriages were destroyed. The horses were saved, as they were in another building. The building in which the horses were kept was saved from destruction by the snow, which prevented the spread of the fire. The barn was a two-story building, and the fire started from the top of the building. The building was closed.

The loss will probably exceed one thousand dollars, with only a small insurance on the building. The cows and most of the contents were insured and will be a total loss to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith is one of our most popular and thrifty farmers, and has the sympathy of the entire community in his loss. The fire probably started from spontaneous combustion as it was first seen in the top of the building. The building was closed.

PREMATURE BLAST.

Cyrus F. Logan Badly Injured at Big Island.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 22.—The premature explosion of a blast, which was fired by electricity, caused a serious accident to Cyrus F. Logan, superintendent of the Bedford Pulp and Paper Mills at Big Island, this afternoon.

The result of the accident is that Mr. Logan has a severe laceration of the right side of his head, and the right eye is gone. He will be brought here to-morrow for treatment at the Home and Retreat if his condition will permit.

Arrested for Forgery.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 22.—Charles Renard, who worked in a bookbinding

Pemberton, Price & Co.,

309 E. Broad Street,

Will keep their store open during the evening, Friday and Saturday, for the accommodation of their customers in Christmas shopping.

MANY IN DANGER OF DEATH FROM COAL GAS

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, December 22.—Twenty-seven persons, most of them women and children, were overcome by coal gas in a crowded tenement house at No. 815 Monroe Street, in the foreign settlement of this city, early this morning. Twelve of them were in such a serious condition that they had to be taken to a hospital, but it is believed they will recover. The lower part of the tenement was occupied by a Turkish bath establishment, and the gas escaped from a large furnace used in the baths. There were more than a hundred persons in the upper part of the building. Most of them were Russian Jews. Two no lives were lost was due to the building, which was passing the building, detected the gas and immediately began arousing the sleeping occupants. Many of them were unconscious, and had to be carried from the place.

LECTURES TO NURSES.

Rev. W. J. Maybee Opens Course at the Memorial Hospital.

The first of the series of lectures to be given in the amphitheatre of the Memorial Hospital to the nursing profession of the city, was delivered last night by Rev. W. J. Maybee.

There was quite a good attendance, and the lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by those who heard it. The training of nurses is a most interesting subject, and the subject of the lecture was well chosen. The lecturer was a good speaker, and his lecture was well received. The course of lectures will continue some time, one being delivered each month.

"CHRISTMAS CHEER."

Supt. Davis Arranges for Entertainment Inmates of Almshouses.

Mr. George B. Davis, superintendent of the almshouses, as usual, has arranged for an entertainment to be given for the inmates of the institution on the evening of Tuesday, December 27th, at 8 o'clock.

The program for the evening is as follows: Mr. Davis, "The Christmas Cheer," a play in three acts, written by Mr. Davis. The play is a comedy, and is well adapted for the occasion. The play will be given by the inmates of the almshouses, and will be a most interesting and enjoyable performance.

RICHMOND CHAMPION.

Local Bowlers Defeated Atlanta by a Close Score.

The interstate bowling match for the championship of the South, between Richmond and Atlanta teams, played by Richmond last night, proved a most interesting novelty. The returns were wired after each bracket, and the game, according to pins, was won by Richmond by the score of 255 to 247. The Atlanta team, taking two out of the three. Owing to the very close result, another match will be played.

Big Christmas Dinner.

Agent Vion, of "The Running For Office" Company, has arranged for a big Christmas dinner for the entire company of forty-two people, upon their arrival from Washington Sunday afternoon. The dinner will be given at the Hotel Richmond, and will be a most enjoyable and interesting affair. The company will be entertained by the agent, and will be a most enjoyable and interesting affair.

Services at Beth Abahab.

The services at the new Beth Abahab Temple this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, will be especially interesting. The subject of Dr. Calhoun's address will be "One Hundred Years of Disraeli." The regular choir will render a special musical program. An invitation is extended to the public to attend the service.

Early Morning Assault.

Alfredo Brenneke was badly cut over the head in a fight at No. 225 East Main Street about 1:30 o'clock this morning. He was assaulted by another Italian, who escaped. Dr. Perkins attended the injured man and made him comfortable.

Mr. Norvell Quite Sick.

Mr. E. Morris Norvell, clerk at the State Penitentiary, is at the Virginia Hospital, where he is undergoing treatment. He has been quite ill, but was reported as slightly improved last night.

Charged With Robbery.

Officer Schlicht yesterday morning arrested a negro named Wesley Taylor on the charge of taking \$5 from J. H. Botta about a week ago.

Chaney—Dodson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., Dec. 22.—A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. Alexander Dodson, near Spring Garden, in Pittsylvania county, Wednesday afternoon, when his daughter, Miss Lillie Chaney, was married to Mr. J. H. Chaney. Rev. R. E. L. Ayler, of the Chatham Baptist Church, performed the ceremony.

A FRENCH TOKEN OF FRIENDSHIP

Ambassador Jusserand Presents the University With Bust of Lafayette.

A DELIGHTFUL LETTER

Also Acknowledges the Poem of Mr. Crittenden Citing Sympathy of Virginia and France.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA., December 22.—During his recent visit to the University of Virginia, the French Ambassador Monsieur J. J. Jusserand and his accomplished wife, by their gracious charm of manner, instantly won the admiration of all with whom they came into contact, so that when the Ambassador, not more distinguished as a diplomat, and as a man of letters, appeared before his audience at the University of Virginia, he was received with almost unexampled warmth. The following communication has reference to the Ambassador's visit and reception:

Washington, 16 15th Dec. 1904.
Ambassadeur de la Republique Francaise aux Etats-Unis:

M. President—My government, to whom I rendered account of the warm and truly touching reception, awarded me by the University of Virginia, and whom I informed also of the feeling preserved there for the memory of Lafayette, has ordered me to express to you and to the members and students of this famous establishment their sincere gratitude for the honor done to their representatives. I am instructed at the same time to present to the University on behalf of the government of the republic, the bust of General Lafayette, reproduced by the Sevres National Manufacture, and originally modeled by Houdon, the same sculptor who came to America at the request of France, and who made from the unique statue of Washington, which the capital of your State possesses to this day.

This souvenir, which I hope, recall to the young generation who come to the University to receive knowledge and to be taught in the principles of American citizenship, the days now near when Americans and Frenchmen fought on the sacred soil of Virginia for the cause of independence ever dear to their hearts, and when Lafayette achieved his greatest military exploit, namely, his Virginia campaign, prior to the taking of Yorktown.

Happy to be entrusted by my government with a mission so well, according with my own feelings of gratitude towards you and the university, I have the honor to be, Mr. President,

Most sincerely yours,

(Signed) JUSSEURAND.

P. S.—The bust will soon be on its way to the University.

Alderman Replies.

Dr. Alderman, in replying to M. Jusserand, said in part:

"I may speak the gratitude and appreciation of the board of visitors and faculty, and I beg you to convey to the French government the sincere gratitude of this University for this noble gift, which so enriches our traditions and adds to the beauty and meaning of our life. Your visit here did not need any added thing to make it a day to be remembered in our calendar, but we are genuinely touched, that we are to have here in our pantheon, as a gift from France, Houdon's bust of Lafayette."

"Lafayette came to us in our day of small things. He was the friend and co-worker of our great founder, and together they stand before the whole world as the best exemplars of unwavering faith in men and the truest prophets of the dignity and majesty of republican citizenship."

CHANGE OF FAITH.

Bolting Methodists to Organize a Congregationalist Church.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, December 22.—Realizing there is little hope of healing the breach which has occurred in the congregation of the Park View Methodist Church, the "bolting" faction are preparing to form a church of the congregationalist denomination. To this end a meeting of the "bolters," was held last night.

The statement which refuses to accept the mandate of the conference will secure the services of an organizer of the congregationalist Church from the North, and some meetings will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, possibly, if not, in some other large enough auditorium, for the purpose of having the doctrines and governing rules of the church made plain. At present the Methodists who are considering changing their faith, are not ready to make public all the details of the meeting.

A GRAVE CHARGE.

Indicted Liquor Man Makes Stiff Fight Against Sentence.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 22.—C. W. Cawman and C. C. Snapp, president and secretary, respectively, of the Newport News Mercantile Association, were on trial in the Police Court this morning, charged with stealing goods valued at \$300 from W. H. Sossom, a young man employed at the shipyard. Sossom claims to have loaned the defendant company \$300, and says that he was prevented from securing his claim when the company failed.

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Pre-Holiday Reductions in the Boys' Department.

The great sale is at its height to-day and Saturday. Every line replenished with fresh reductions. Special for to-day and to-morrow:

\$1.95 will take unrestricted choice of every Suit that sold for \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, matters not what the color or the style. Your choice for.....\$1.95

\$2.95 will take unrestricted choice of every Suit that sold for \$4.00 and \$4.50. These Suits are absolutely all wool and are warranted. Pick and choice for.....\$2.95

18c for Stylish Gait Caps, nobby blue serge and cheviots, fashionable fancy mixtures, standard caps, reduced to.....18c

39c Mothers' Friend Shirt-Waists, of superior quality, Percale and Madras, attached or detached collars, 50c and 75c grades, for.....39c

\$3.45 will take unrestricted choice of entire line of \$5.00, \$6.00, \$6.50 Suits. It is needless to dwell on their goodness. They are simply the best we carry and as good as can be had anywhere. Pick and choice of entire line.....\$3.45

25c Another lot of those matchless value Knee Pants, which have aroused the astonishment of all who have seen them will go on sale to-day. They are made of excellent Twilled Cheviot, in Navy Blue, made with riveted buttons, patent waist-bands and big pocket, and are not to be equaled under 50c; in all sizes to 16, only.....25c

19c Heavy Natural Fleece Underwear, heavy winter weight and superior finish, shirts and drawers, standard 35c, goods, reduced to.....19c

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pany failed, by understanding dealing upon the part of the president and secretary. The public schools will close to-morrow and the pupils will not resume their studies until January 2d.

The trial of the case of W. E. Jarrell, charged with selling liquor on Sunday, was resumed in the Corporation Court today. This morning Judge Burham overruled a motion to quash the indictment on the ground that J. E. T. Hunter, foreman of the grand jury, is a member of the Anti-Saloon League, the attorney for which is assisting the Commonwealth in the prosecution. Jarrell's place is located in Elizabeth City county, within a mile of the city limits.

The attorneys are making a strenuous fight, contesting every point. The case will probably go to the Court of Appeals.

ROMANTIC WEDDING.

Left to Go to a Dance and Became a Bride.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHATHAM, VA., December 22.—Miss Nora Taylor, daughter of Mr. George Washington Taylor, of Pittsylvania county, and Mr. George Taylor were married Wednesday afternoon at the home of the groom. Parental objection prevented a wedding at the bride's home, but, seizing the opportunity, the determined young couple deferred not. A dance was given at the home of the groom's father. Early in the afternoon Mr. George V. Jones called at the young lady's home ostensibly to accompany her to the dance. Immediately upon arriving, the young lady donned her wedding gown, and, accompanied by Miss Lillie Taylor, sister of the groom, proceeded to the parlor where they were joined by the groom and where they were joined by the groom and where they were joined by the groom.

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Washington, who resided at Mt. Vernon, and was the last owner of that estate before disposing of it to the Ladies' Mt. Vernon Association.

Powell—Boley.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 22.—Mr. T. B. Powell, a well-to-do trucker, who resides in the suburbs of the city, and Miss Floya Boley, daughter of Mr. Samuel K. Boley, of Lynchburg, were married last evening at 7 o'clock at the parsonage of the College Hill Baptist Church, the Rev. T. H. Athey officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Powell will reside in the suburbs of the city.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO HAVANA, CUBA, VIA ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

A personally conducted excursion to Havana, Cuba, will leave Washington, Richmond and Norfolk, January 4, 1905, connecting with the P. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer "Oliveira," leaving Port Tampa, Fla., night of January 5th. Party will be limited to 150 persons; therefore, make reservations promptly, to secure proper accommodations on steamer. Mr. A. W. Prior, who speaks Spanish fluently, will meet the party at Jacksonville and accompany them to Havana.

Tickets limited to return from Havana on any steamer until January 15th, with privilege to stop over at any point in the State of Florida, south of Jacksonville, within the final limit, January 22d.

The rate, \$48, from Richmond, for the round trip, includes meals and state-room on steamer. Any other information or pamphlets on Cuba, will be furnished on application, by ticket agent, 838 East Main Street, or W. J. Craig, G. P. A., Wilmington, N. C.

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Tickets will be sold at greatly reduced rates between all points on Norfolk and Western Railway, south of Ohio River, on December 23d, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st, and January 1st and 2d, good for return passage until January 4th, 1905, and to include fares for one and one-third first-class fares upon presentation and surrender of certificate of identification signed by the president or principal of their respective colleges; these tickets will be sold from December 15th to 24th, inclusive, and limit January 8th, 1905. Richmond to Norfolk and return \$3.50; Lynchburg, \$5, and correspondingly low rates between all points above mentioned. For tickets and further information apply to ticket agent, Byrd Street Station, Richmond Transfer Company, or at company's office, 838 East Main Street.

JNO. E. WAGNER, City Pass Agent.

C. H. BOSLEY, Dist. Pass Agent.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY RATES VIA STEAMER POCAHONTAS.

Tickets will be for sale on the steamer Pocahontas from December 23rd to 31st, inclusive, for one and one-third first-class fares for the round trip between Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Old Point, Newport News and all points on this line, with final limit of January 4, 1905.



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